<u>IN THE CLAIMS:</u>

Please cancel Claims 18 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and amend Claims 1, 6, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 26 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A print managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus via a communication medium, <u>the print managing apparatus</u> comprising:

<u>reception means for receiving a print job which includes a job ticket and a print document via the communication medium, the job ticket describing print instruction information for the print document;</u>

<u>designation means for designating one of a plurality of distribution printing modes including a first mode and a second mode in response to a user instruction;</u>

<u>reading</u> [[read]] means for reading <u>the</u> [[a]] job ticket <u>included in the print job received by said reception means</u> ~~which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed~~; and

print control means for controlling distribution printing <u>in accordance with a designation executed by said designation means</u>, wherein said print control means executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in <u>the</u> [[a]] first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read by said <u>reading</u> [[read]] means in <u>the</u> [[a]] second mode.

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2. to 4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the print instruction information described by the job ticket is described by a markup language.

6. (Currently amended) A print managing method for a print managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus via a communication medium, the method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a print job which includes a job ticket and a print document via the communication medium, the job ticket describing print instruction information for the print document;

a designating step of designating one of a plurality of distribution printing modes including a first mode and a second mode in response to a user instruction;

a reading step of reading the [[a]] job ticket included in the print job received in said receiving step which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print control step of controlling distribution printing iin accordance with a designation executed in said designating step, wherein said print control step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in the [[a]] first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in the [[a]] second mode.

7. to 15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 6, wherein the print instruction information described by the job ticket is described by a markup language.

17. (Currently amended) A print system including a print managing apparatus and a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus connected via a communication medium, the print managing apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a print job which includes a job ticket and a print document via the communication medium, the job ticket describing print instruction information for the print document;

designation means for designating one of a plurality of distribution printing modes including a first mode and a second mode in response to a user instruction;

reading [[read]] means for reading the [[a]] job ticket included in the print job received by said reception means which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

print managing means for managing distribution printing in accordance with a designation executed by said designation means, wherein said print managing means executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in the [[a]] first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the

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color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read by said reading [[read]] means in the [[a]] second mode.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A print system according to claim 17 [[18]], further comprising a print client, wherein the print client transmits the print job to the print managing apparatus.

20. (Previously presented) A print system according to claim 17, wherein the job ticket is reusable, and at least one of output layout information, additional information and monochromatic/color information included in the print instruction information described by the job ticket is changed to reuse the job ticket.

21. (Currently amended) A print managing method for a print managing system including a print managing apparatus and which is connected to a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus connected via a communication medium, the method comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a print job which includes a job ticket and a print document via the communication medium, the job ticket describing print instruction information for the print document;

a designating step of designating one of a plurality of distribution printing modes including a first mode and a second mode in response to a user instruction;

a reading step of reading the [[a]] job ticket included in the print job received in said receiving step which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print managing step of managing distribution printing in accordance with a designation executed in said designating step, wherein said print managing step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in the [[a]] first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in the [[a]] second mode.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 21 [[22]], further comprising a print client, wherein the print client transmits the print job to the print managing apparatus.

24. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 21, wherein the job ticket is reusable, and at least one of output layout information, additional information and monochromatic/color information included in the print instruction information described by the job ticket is changed to reuse the job ticket.

25. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a print managing method for a print managing apparatus which is connected to a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus via a communication medium, said program comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a print job which includes a job ticket and a print document via the communication medium, the job ticket describing print instruction information for the print document;

a designating step of designating one of a plurality of distribution printing modes including a first mode and a second mode in response to a user instruction;

a reading step of reading the [[a]] job ticket included in the print job received in said receiving step which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print control step of controlling distribution printing in accordance with a designation executed in said designating step, wherein said print control step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in the [[a]] first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in the [[a]] second mode.

26. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium storing a computer program for a print system including a print managing apparatus and a plurality of printing apparatuses including a monochromatic printing apparatus and a color printing apparatus connected via a communication medium, the computer program comprising:

a receiving step of receiving a print job which includes a job ticket and a print document via the communication medium, the job ticket describing print instruction information for the print document;

a designating step of designating one of a plurality of distribution printing modes including a first mode and a second mode in response to a user instruction;

a reading step of reading the [[a]] job ticket included in the print job received in said receiving step which describes print instruction information for a print document to be printed; and

a print managing step of managing distribution printing in accordance with a designation executed in said designating step, wherein said print managing step executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus by analyzing the print document in the [[a]] first mode, and executes the distribution printing of the print document through the monochromatic printing apparatus and the color printing apparatus based on the print instruction information described by the job ticket read in said reading step in the [[a]] second mode.